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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (c) On the occurrence of Avian Influenza in Assam, West Bengal and Sikkim recently, the Central teams were deputed to aid and advise these States in control and containment operations. These teams submitted daily reports on the progress of the operations.

(d) The steps undertaken by the Government to prevent spread of the infection, *inter alia*, include culling of the entire poultry population in the affected zone covering a radius of 3 kilometers from the foci of infection, surveillance of poultry against the disease, training of veterinary personnel to tackle Avian Influenza and spreading awareness in the general public on precautions required in handling poultry.

PROCLAMATION UNDER ARTICLE 356 OF THE CONSTITUTION

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(i) Proclamation [G.S.R. No. 33(E)], issued by the President on the 19th January, 2009, under article 356 of the Constitution in relation to the State of Jharkhand, under clause (3) of the said article. [Placed in Library, *See* No. L.T. 10445/09]

(ii) Order [G.S.R. No. 34(E)], dated the 19th January, 2009, made by the President, under sub-clause (i) of clause (c) of the above Proclamation. [Placed in Library, *See* No. L.T. 10446/09]

(iii) Report of the Governor of Jharkhand, dated the 16th January, 2009 to the President recommending the issue of the Proclamation. [Placed in Library, *See* No. L.T. 10447/09]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SECRETARY-GENERAL: Sir, I lay on the Table a Statement (in English and Hindi) showing the Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the Two Hundred and Fourteenth Session of the Rajya Sabha and assented to by the President.

(1) The Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 2008.

(2) The Appropriation (Railways) No. 4 Bill, 2008.

(3) The Indian Maritime University Bill, 2008.

(4) The National Waterway (Talcher-Dhamra Stretch of Rivers Geonkhali-Charbatia Stretch of East Coast Canal, Charbatia-Dhamra Stretch of Matai River and Mahanadi Delta Rivers) Bill, 2008.